**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE FORMER STATE TROOPER SERGEANT KENNETH E. BRANHAM II OF UNION COUNTY UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT, TO COMMEND HIM FOR MORE THAN TWENTY‑FOUR YEARS AND EIGHT MONTHS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, AND TO EXTEND BEST WISHES FOR MUCH SUCCESS AND FULFILLMENT IN THE DAYS AHEAD.

Whereas, the South Carolina General Assembly has learned that on November 5, 2013, Sergeant Kenneth E. Branham II of Union County began a well‑deserved retirement after more than twenty‑four years and eight months of meritorious service as a South Carolina State Trooper; and

Whereas, exemplifying the Highway Patrol motto of selfless service, integrity, and responsibility, Sergeant Branham faithfully and diligently served the people of South Carolina in various capacities, as a volunteer rescue diver for YCERT (York County Emergency Response Team) and notably as a member of the South Carolina Highway Patrol, where he achieved the rank of sergeant; and

Whereas, in addition, he served as the assistant unit commander for the South Carolina Highway Patrol’s Special Operations Unit A‑CERT (Advanced Civil Emergency Response Team). In serving on this elite team, he regularly put himself in harm’s way for the protection of the citizens of this State; and

Whereas, his tireless dedication and service earned him the respect of co‑workers, fellow citizens, and state leaders alike; and

Whereas, over the course of his career, Sergeant Branham not only dedicated his own time and energy to public safety, but, as a respected leader and instructor, he also helped prepare countless others for a career dedicated to service. Those he prepared include members of the Highway Patrol, State Transport Police, Bureau of Protective Services, and many other members of the law enforcement community; and

Whereas, he will long be remembered for his outstanding work, and his friends and colleagues, as well as the community at large, will greatly miss him; and

Whereas, grateful for the legacy of consistent commitment and excellence Sergeant Kenneth E. Branham II has bestowed on this great State, the General Assembly is pleased to wish him well as he enjoys retirement and trusts he will find much pleasure in the more leisurely pace of the days ahead. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

That the members of the South Carolina General Assembly, by this resolution, congratulate former State Trooper Sergeant Kenneth E. Branham II of Union County upon the occasion of his retirement, commend him for more than twenty‑four years and eight months of dedicated service to the State of South Carolina, and extend best wishes for much success and fulfillment in the days ahead.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Kenneth E. Branham II.

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